

Reasons for Allowance

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 11/4/2009, with respect to claims 1-24 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The prior art rejections of the claims have been withdrawn. The Applicant did not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) by not supplying argument for why the new claims are patentable but it is clear that the arguments against the rejection of the previous pending claims apply to the new claims which feature the same limitations that the applicant is arguing are patentable.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DOUGLAS B. BLAIR whose telephone number is (571)272-3893. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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